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SUBJ: HABITAT: DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

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1. HABITAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE BEGAN DISCUSSION OF DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES (A/CONF.70/PC/22) AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 13. DEBATE IN FULL COMMITTEE SCHEDULED TO END AFTERNOON JANUARY 15.

2. IN INTRODUCING ITEM, SECRETARY GENERAL PENALOSA STATED DECLARATION WAS MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENT TO BE CONSIDERED IN VANCOUVER. MANY DELEGATES LATER AGREED. PENALOSA HOPED DECLARATION WOULD EVENTUALLY RECEIVE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT. HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY SOME ISSUES WOULD BE REOPENED FOR FURTHER DEBATE BY MINISTERS AT VANCOUVER.

3. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED (U.S. DEL MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE INTERVENTIONS), THERE WAS GENERAL CRITICISM OF TONE AND THRUST OF FIRST SECTION OF PAPER. THIS CULMINATED

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IN PROPOSAL TO SET UP WORKING GROUP TO REVISE THAT SECTION.

4. AMONG MORE SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS MADE DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION WERE NEED TO INCLUDE APPROPRIATE REFERENCES TO DETENTE (USSR, HUNGARY) AND TO NIEO (SEVERAL LDC DELS).
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5. WE HAVE LEARNED EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WILL DISCUSS THIS MORNING POSSIBILITY OF SUGGESTING DELETION OF ENTIRE SECOND CHAPTER OF DRAFT DECLARATION. THIS CHAPTER INCLUDES PARA ON NEO-COLONIALISM. THIS WOULD BE IDEAL SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM BUT OUR SOURCE WAS UNCERTAIN AS TO HOW COMMUNITY WOULD COME OUT ON THE ISSUE.

6. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO SEVERAL EUROPEAN DELS AND TO CANADIANS. NONE LIKES PARA 4 BUT NONE HAS INDICATED ANY INTENTION OF SEEKING REVISIONS OF IT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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